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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 3 Mar 1994 23:55:29 -0500
From: noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!news.delphi.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Adam Weiss, WA1WMZ, Silent Key
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

It is with great sadness that I must announce the passing of Adam Weiss,
WA1WMZ, a longtime ham radio operator.

I had known Adam for over 20 years. I first met him when I was in
highschool at a ham meeting of the Westchester Emergency Communications
Association. Proving it was a small world, my brother married a woman
he had previously been engaged to (both were hams). I later re-met him
when joining Mensa, and he held a corner of the chupa and signed the
Catuba
at my wedding.

The Funeral services will be held at Riverside Chapel in Mt. Vernon, NY, Sunday at 1:00. Shiva will be observed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday by his parents at his house.

-- Ed in CT,
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Date: 1 Mar 94 13:08:46 GMT
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Subject: ARRL--->Online Repeater directory
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <9402281434.AA12050@umassmed.UMMED.EDU>,
sbaker@umassmed.UMMED.EDU (Stephen Baker) wrote:

> The league publishes the repeater directory which it currently enjoys monopoly
> status. This must be enormously profitable for them as they are the sole source
> for such a directory, (maps aside).

Enormously profitable? I don't think the League makes a bundle on anything. They are a business, though. As others have pointed out, non-profit does not mean that you can't make money, it just governs what you do with the money you make.

> I wonder if they have privileged access to
> this information by virtue of some role they play in the frequency coordination
> process?

Not privileged access to it. Again as pointed out, they don't own the data.

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> If this is the case, then there is a conflict of interest issue here, and they
> should not in the repeater directory business and frequency coordination
> business simultaneously if they will harass competition.

I don't see them harassing competition, but rather protecting their copyright. There are sharp limits to that right, and from what I've heard, they haven't exceeded them. If you wrote something, would you feel that others should be able to take it and claim it was their own?

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> As a league member, I feel it is the role of the League to encourage such
> innovations as an online repeater directory and callbook and should be providing
> these services to it's membership at cost or free themselves!

Fine. You wanna increase the membership dues, you lobby the league for that.

> I question how
> responsive the league is to the needs of the membership and to innovation.

Do you complain to your Section Manager and Director, or just here?

I think an on-line repeater directory would be a great idea, and I hope the chap who suggested it follows through with a non-infringing version of it. It's just that we can't trample intellectual-property rights underfoot in our enthusiasm for a good idea. These rights belong to everybody, you included.

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73 de John Taylor W3ZID
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Date: 2 Mar 94 17:08:30 GMT
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Subject: Further criminalization of scanning
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Basic Civil Law (as I learned in Business School) has the following logic:
If a person loses his property, then if found, belongs still to him.
If a person casts away his property, then if found, belongs to the finder.
If extended to radio waves, then this implies that any signal sent out into the general public domain with intent and not being expected to be returned, belongs to anyone who can receive them. What gives anyone the right to send radio waves through my body without me having the right to do with them whatever I want. This principal has been in effect for years and years. If you don't want someone to hear you on the radio, then you should encrypt the signal in some way that the people you don't want listening can't un-encrypt.

73 KI5YN

My own opinion, not related in any way to my employees.

Date: 2 Mar 94 17:59:38 GMT
From: nih-csl!weisen@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Further criminalization of scanning
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Karl Meyer (kmeyer@bbs.xnet.com) wrote:

: It seems to me the FBI and FCC are trying to drive scanner manufacturers out of
: business by continually forcing them to redesign the circuitry. These laws
: aren't enforceable anyway unless you use the info in such a way that it can be
: proven you listened, which in itself is illegal.

I agree that the laws stink, but why does everyone always go for the big conspiracy theory? I seriously doubt that the FBI and FCC are trying to "drive scanner manufacturers out of business". I also doubt that the FCC cares what you listen to. The ECPA is an act of Congress, not FCC.

What I think we should do is write to our congresspeople and tell them why we feel the cellular and cordless privacy laws are so misguided. Even if they outlaw the manufacture of scanners that can receive cordless (and I haven't heard anyone say that that is what is up for debate -- only outlawing *listening*, not manufacture), those radios are going to be around for a long, long time as used equipment. The effects of the law will be to a) *not* severely restrict the availability of cordless-capable scanners and b) give the public a false sense of security.

Rather than thickening the law books, the government should educate the public about what is going on. The public will demand encrypted cordless phones and the manufacturers will deliver. Then the radio voyeurs have more challenges to liven up the sport :-). All the law is going to do is damage the lives of the very few people who get caught and damage the lives of the many who blab all sorts of confidential information on their cordless phones.

I'd be interested if other people agree.

--Neil

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Subject: Have a say about ARRL policy
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Feb28.230819.12135@arrl.org>,
Ed Hare (KA1CV) <ehare@arrl.org> wrote:
>You can also usually find your Division Director at most major hamfests

How much do they usually sell for?

:)

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howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: How's the Kenwood TH-28A?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

William L. Phillips <wlp2y@faraday.clas.Virginia.EDU> writes:

>I am considering as a replacement the Kenwood TH-28A. It is only
>2m TX, but, frankly, I won't miss 440 (I have used it only a few times
>since I have had my radio). It is smaller, lighter, allows paging
>and message storage (sort of), has a greater number of freq. memories,
>has a shorter, stockier antenna, has the same output power as my
>present radio... the list goes on.

Will,

I got to use a th28 before i bought my th78. It is a great radio
but no lit keypad??? a friend n1qhr, says it is the only
downside to the rig. otherwise, small, light, and built well.

also, consider the new mini ht's , i have checked out the kenwood and
yaesu and the are both excellent rigs.

good luck

petye brunelli
n1qdq

Date: 2 Mar 94 19:03:27 GMT
From: nprdc!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!
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Subject: QST review of Dual-Bander HTs
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Allen Wallace <allen@dtint.dtint.com> writes:

>For example, I've heard a rumor that the TH-78A can transmit AM down in
>the aircraft band. I don't believe it, nor would I ever want to transmit
>down there!

Allen,

Properly modified, the th78 ca TUNE from 50mhz to 999.975mhz, with a few gaps at 200 and 500. rx sensitivity varies but it is useable from 100mhz up.

One thing that the article didn't address is the poor intermod rejection of several of the reviewed units. Here in central CT the pager industry is booming and my rig is very (th78) sensitive to it. Rumor has it that the standard is the best for imd rejection.

On the up side, the th78 has excellent features, easy to use, not THAT hard to program, and the alpha-numeric display rules!! that is RULES.... bad editor.....

the manual is about the worst of any I have seen, but until Hewlett Packard starts making HT's, I do not see it getting better.

good luck

pete brunelli
n1qdg

Date: 1 Mar 94 14:36:58 GMT
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sol.ctr.columbia.edu!hamblin.math.byu.edu!yvax.byu.edu!cunyvm!rohvm1!
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Subject: Repeater Dir.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <199402281759.JAA13538@ucsd.edu>, AGRI098@UNLVM.UNL.EDU (Roy) wrote:

> What we need is to help get the info to someone that will put the data
> together. As was said before we can not use the info that is in the ARRL
> version. We gather and post from other sources... Are there enough of us
> to get all the info we need? Is there a person we can mail the info to
> using a form that requires minimal messing to put in a data base? Is my

> hand up? (not sure) Let me know what you folks think....

I'll be happy to supply the information for the W3SK, WE3E and WR3B repeaters in Bucks County, PA. Just let me know to whom I should send it.

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73 de John Taylor W3ZID
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Date: 2 Mar 94 18:05:47 GMT
From: news.larc.nasa.gov!grissom.larc.nasa.gov!kludge@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1994Mar1.165710.2145@dtint.daint.com>, <212fk0\$eqj@hpavla.lf.hp.com>, <POPOVICH.94Mar2125229@prince.cs.columbia.edu>.la
Subject : Re: QST review of Dual-Bander HTs

In article <POPOVICH.94Mar2125229@prince.cs.columbia.edu>
popovich@prince.cs.columbia.edu (Steve Popovich) writes:
>devlin@lf.hp.com (Lee Devlin) writes:

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>> Actually, there are quite a few hams with pilot's licenses that would
>> *love* to have a radio that can do that. A typical aviation handheld
>> costs around \$500 and they are becoming a very popular accessory as a
>> backup radio.

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>The problem here, of course, is that the aviation handhelds are type
>accepted for aviation use, and the TH-78A is not. It's against FCC
>regulations to use the TH-78A to transmit in the aircraft band. If I
>had one along in an airplane and there was an emergency requiring its
>use, then I'd use it, but I wouldn't expect the FCC to be pleased.

Well, I'd love to buy a type accepted aviation handheld that could also be used with FM on the ham bands. That would be fine.

--scott

You know, for most of my life, I have modified old commercial and aviation radios to use on the ham bands. As a result, I am surprised to see so many people trying to modify ham rigs to use for commercial and aviation use....

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"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

Date: Fri, 4 Mar 1994 02:28:53 GMT
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References <CSLE87-020394103111@145.39.1.10>, <CM2IAr.H43@ucdavis.edu>,
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Subject : Re: On-line Repeater Directory

Gary Coffman (gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us) wrote:
: That's right on, good mind reading. While I think the ARRL position is
: shaky at best here, I don't want to see tanks rumbling down Main St.
: in Newington either. The BATF and FBI death squads are already bad

I dunno. Might be entertaining.

: enough, let's not have the Copyright Office or the FCC start donning
: ninja suits and slaughtering Americans too.

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Jon Bloom KE3Z jbloom@arrl.org

Date: 2 Mar 94 14:49:07 GMT
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Subject : Re: JARGON

In article <1994Mar2.070107.25919@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

>>very good

>>fine business

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>These are just null noises emitted instead of, or in addition to, "Uhhh"
>and Ahhh" as space fillers for dead air. In some rare instances, they
>may actually mean "OK" or "I heard you", but the ham couldn't bring himself
>to use plain English. Their presence almost always means that no real
>conversation is occurring.

Ah! The joys of "Hamspeak" as my ex-wife called it. It seems
radio amateurs are true masters of content free communication. Yes, I
know the previous sentence contains an oxymoron.

Whereas real mortals will say: "Blew a fuse this morning". A
true ham will spin it out with a description of what equipment was
drawing current at the time, who was effected, the duration of the
outage and the total milage driven to buy a new fuse. A skilled ham

communicator can spin a simple event out so that the description of it takes three times longer than the duration of the actual event.

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